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On 15 March 1952 directives for major maneuvers of Soviet and satellite armies during 1952 were simultaneously issued in Prague and Warsaw. The maneuvers will take place in the late summer, and will be on the largest scale since the end of the war. For the first time troops from eastern Germany, Hungary, and Rumania will take part. The offensive phase of the maneuvers will be directed by Marshal Malinowski. The general direction of the maneuvers will be under the members of the Politburo, Marshals Vereshilov and Bulganin. The new Polish Army will participate in full strength under Marshal Rokossovski. General Vaciav Ther, Deputy Minister of National Defense and Chief of the Czechoslovak General Staff, will prepare the Czechoslovak Army for the maneuvers, with the assistance of General Vaciav Kratochvil, Deputy Minister of National Defense. Strong Soviet and satellite air force units will participate.

1. Comment: At present Marshal Rodion Yakovlevich Malinovsky is Commander of the Soviet forces in the Far East.

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